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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) PTO Form 1449 with five (5) references;
- (4) German Search Report dated May 17, 2004.

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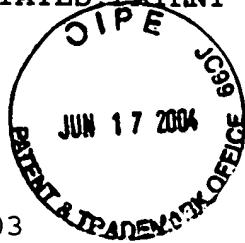
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars:

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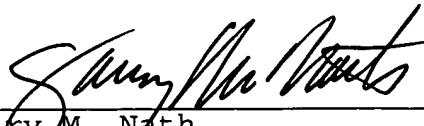
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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